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1. A BRITISH RESIDENT IN NOVA LISBOA HAS REPORTED TO THE BRITISH CONSULATE GENERAL THAT ON JULY 21 A UNITA COMMUNIQUE READ OVER NOVA LISBOA RADIO THREATENED UNITA INTERVENTION ON FNLA'S SIDE IF THE PORTUGUESE ACTED IN MPLA'S FAVOR. THE COMMUNIQUE REPORTEDLY CLASSIFIED EVEN INTERPOSING PORTUGUESE FORCES BETWEEN THE COMBATANTS AS INTERVENTION. THE SAME SOURCE REPORTED THAT UNITA PRESIDENT SAVIMBI MET WITH HIS PARTY'S LEADERSHIP JULY 21 AND THAT AN UNNAMED FNLA MINISTER ALSO WAS IN ATTENDANCE. (THE UNITA COMMUNIQUE HAS NOT YET SURFACED HERE.)

2. IN A JULY 22 MEETING WITH U.S. JOURNALISTS UNITA'S JAKA JAMBA (SECRETARY FOR INFO IN THE TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT) STATED HIS
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BELIEF THAT FNLA WOULD ATTACK FROM THE NORTH. SOMEWHAT CONTRAD-

ICTORILY HE ALSO SAID A LONG CIVIL WAR IS NOT POSSIBLE HERE. JAKA JAMBA CLAIMED 50,000 SOUTHERN OVAMBOS HAVE LEFT LUANDA SINCE JANUARY AND CHARACTERIZED THE DELIBERATIONS OF THE NATIONAL DEFENSE COUNCIL AS "POLITICKING" SAYING NO REAL NEGOTIATING WAS TAKING PLACE.

3. A PORTUGUESE ARMY SPOKESMAN TOLD THE U.S. JOURNALISTS THAT THE PORTUGUESE MILITARY WOULD DEFINITELY RESIST AN ATTACK ON LUANDA AND THAT THE PRESENT FIGHTING FOUR MILES NORTH OF CAXITO WAS MERELY AN FNLA "PROBE."

4. A TEXACO EMPLOYEE IN SAN ANTONIO DE ZAIRE RADIOED HIS OFFICE HERE THAT APPROXIMATELY TWO THOUSAND TROOPS DISEMBARKED THERE JULY 21 FROM FISHING BOATS. HE COULD NOT SAY IF THEY WERE FNLA OR MPLA NOR WHETHER THEY CAME FROM UP THE RIVER OR FROM THE MOUTH. HE WILL BE QUERIED FURTHER.

5. TEXEIRA DA MOTA, A PORTUGUESE FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL (REFTEL) TOLD A CONGEN OFFICER THAT FNLA MUST ACCEPT THE FACT ITS SHARE OF THE COUNTRY IS ANGOLA'S TWO NORTHERN DISTRICTS AND NOTHING MORE, JUST AS MPLA MUST ACCEPT IT CANNOT OCCUPY THE NORTH. THIS "REALITY" TEXEIRA SEES AS THE BASIS OF PORTUGAL'S EXIT FROM ANGOLA. HE DISCOUNTS ANY SERIOUS CHANCE OF FNLA SUCCESSFULLY ATTACKING LUANDA.
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